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Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004 the Examiner has required an election of one of four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

- Species I. Shown in Figures 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7.  
Described in claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14-15.
- Species II. Shown in Figure 3.  
Described in claims 1-6, 10-11, and 13.
- Species III. Shown in Figure 6.  
Described in claims 1-6, 9-11, and 14-15.
- Species IV. Shown in Figures 8-10.  
Described in claims 1-6, 10-11, and 14-29.

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The Applicants assert that claims 1-6, 10-11, and 14-15 are generic to all species. Responsive to the election requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species IV, as shown in Figures 8-10 and as described in claims 1-6, 10-11, and 14-29.

Applicant has calculated no fees to be presently due in connection with the filing of this Paper. However, Applicant has authorized charging of any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicant's assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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